

## AFA CUP, QUARTER-FINAL

# WORTHING NEAR TO CUP WIN

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3

Almost as if they cared little about this invitation cup competition, Wycombe played most of the match at pedestrian pace, doing little to enhance the reputation of the Isthmian League. They switched on the heat only for the last 20 minutes and turned a one goal deficit into victory.

The spur of meeting an Isthmian League side brought the best out of Worthing. They gave a spirited display and it seemed quite enough until Wycombe showed in the latter stages why they are in the race for their league championship.

Three of Wycombe's first team players were not available, including international winger Len Worley. In the side, however, were England centre-forward Paul Bates and England trialist inside-forward Tony Horseman.

Most of the danger came from Horseman and 18-year-old reserve Vivian Busby. But during the first half Wycombe's build-up was painfully slow and Worthing deserved their half-time 1-0 lead.

Apart from the fact that Tony Molineaux had a nightmare game, Worthing's defence seemed capable of holding Wycombe in the first half, and Kevin Walsh was particularly impressive. When the visitors did break through, goalkeeper David Jones was magnificent.

The Worthing man showed split-second reactions, especially with two shots from Horseman. But he still feels his lack of height and was lucky to drop two high crosses and watch his colleagues clear the danger.

Miles, Miller, Woffinden and Weekes bombarded the Wycombe goal as it soon became obvious that the visitors were not going to run up the cricket score some people expected.

Bad covering in the 29th minute gave Miller the easiest of goals. The Wycombe defence followed Casemore's corner across goal and Weekes chipped it back for Miller to nod the ball in.

There seemed little danger to Worthing's lead for the rest of the first half and a good deal of the second.

Then came Wycombe's match-winning burst.

Busby (2) and Horseman scored, completely to transform the match.

Worthing hopes were revived six minutes from the end when Woffinden fooled goalkeeper Wells with a lob shot for the home side's second goal, but experienced Wycombe held out easily for a home semi-final tie with Corinthian Casuals.

Worthing: D. Jones; D. Tarrant, K. Swallow; K. Walsh, A. Molineaux, J. Horton; C. Casemore, C. Woffinden, E. Miles, A. Miller and R. Weekes.

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